Opposition Agenda

Ashland, Virginia Town Council Meeting 5/28/85

Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 1986 Town Budget.

Coordinator of Opponents - Ed Wickham

(1) Ed Wickham - Testimony on impact of local cigarette tax on Town of Ashland economy.

(2) Retailers - Testimony

(a) Tommy Willis - Cross Brothers, Ashland.

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(Retailer testimony to concentrate on potential loss of cigarette sales within town limits as well as loss of related retail sales such as groceries, convenience items.)

A number of additional local retailers are expected to be present at Council meeting.

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(3) Cigarette Vendors –

(a) Charles Hutchinson – President and General manager – Cliff Weill Vending, Inc., Hanover County Va.

(although not a resident of the Town of Ashland, mr. Hutchinson will elaborate on vending machine problems and distribution problems with a local cigarette tax in Ashland – Cliff Weill services more cigarette vending machines in the community than any other company.)

Four or five additional vendors will be present at Public Hearing.

(4) Cigarette Wholesalers – Buzz Ingalls – President Whitehead, Stokes & Grymes – Hanover County Va.

(although not a resident of the Town of Ashland mr. Ingalls will testify on the distribution problems created by local cigarette taxes for his company and other wholesalers serving the Town of Ashland. Whitehead – Stokes – Grymes is located near the towns and uses an Ashland address.)

Representatives of Capitol Cigar and other wholesalers (area) such as C. F. Brauer will be present.

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(5) Tobacco Institute - Richmond, Va. — Page Sutherland, Regional Director

(Testimony will concentrate on statistical data related to local cigarette taxation in Virginia and recent as well as past experiences of cities with present or past cigarette tax laws in effect. Also will compare experiences of Virginia cities in comparable population bracket with Ashland, in regard to local cigarette taxation.)

There will be several field sales force representatives present from Philip Morris, U.S.A. and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. (approximately 6-8 from each company).

(6) any other citizens of Town of Ashland who wish to speak in opposition to the imposition of a local cigarette tax in the town.

(7) Ask all individuals in attendance who are opposed to the local cigarette tax ordinance to stand up as a body.

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